

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GRADUATION-2017/2018

When is the commencement ceremony?

The ceremony takes place **Thursday evening, May 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm**. Gate opens at 4:30 with a ticket. Non-ticket holders may enter at 5:15 pm.

Where does it take place?

The ceremony will take place on the **Independence High School Athletic Field**. (In case of rain - at El Dorado High School large gym)

When should the graduates arrive?

All graduates should check in by **5:00 pm** dressed in cap/gown and tassel and line up in the quad area under the appropriate signs posted.

Is there a graduation practice?

Yes, there is a practice held at **10:30 am** at IHS on Thursday, May 24th. No cap/gown at practice – dress casual.

Who participates?

All graduating seniors and early graduates from 2017-2018 are encouraged to participate.

Where will parents, relatives and friends sit?

There will be 450 seats available. Admittance to all seating will be by ticket only, however you will be able to save seats for additional family. Please keep in mind that there should be no empty seats between parties. The graduates will receive six (6) individual tickets for family and guests. Seats are available in front of the stage as well as additional seating on the surrounding grass area. Personal folding lawn chairs will be allowed. If someone in your family or a guest is in need of handicap seating, please contact the school secretary (530) 622-7090 x.7100, so that we can make sure sufficient handicap seating space is available.

Where do we get the special commencement tickets?

Seniors will be given six(6) tickets along with their caps, gowns, and tassels at the beginning of the week of graduation. These tickets allow family and guests entrance to the field at 4:30 p.m. when the gates first open for seating. If you have more than 6 guests wishing to attend the commencement ceremony, the gates will open at 5:15 for all non-ticket holding guests. Lost tickets will **not** be replaced and guests without a ticket will need to wait until 5:15 to enter for seating.

What about parking?

There is limited parking around Independence High School. You may enter our parking lot either through the District Office on Missouri Flat Road or directly off Pleasant Valley Road. Some parking will also be available at the Lion's Club (corner of Missouri Flat and Pleasant Valley Road) or at Dawson's Oil (located across the street from Lion's Club) or at Westside Church on Missouri Flat Road.

What about pictures?

As the graduates cross the stage to receive their diploma we understand that this is a good opportunity for a photo. If you choose to take a photo of your student crossing the stage, be courteous to those sitting in that area and around you. Please take your photo and return to your seat. Graduates will be seated at an angle next to the stage which offers another nice photo.

What about the cap and gown?

Every graduate **must** have a cap, gown and tassel to participate in the ceremony. Caps, gowns and tassels are available for purchase for \$45.00/set. Loaners are available, however, size and condition cannot be guaranteed. **If you do not return the loaner cap/gown and tassel back to the school in the same condition it was issued, a \$45.00 fine will be charged. Diplomas cannot be given out if fines are not cleared.**

What if I have other questions or suggestions about the commencement ceremony?

Please feel free to leave a message at the school telephone number of 622-7090 ext.7100 for Kassandra Paul or ext. 7132 for Becky Janes.

Can I bring food and drink onto the graduation field?

Yes, food is allowed at graduation. We ask that **NO** glass bottles and **NO** ice chests be brought onto the school grounds from home. **Plastic bottled water is encouraged.** Please be courteous and pick up your trash – thank you.